

## CLAIMS

1. A unit for managing data stored in a first data processing device,  
comprising:  
a first interface to an application which initializes access to the data;  
5 and  
a second interface to an access unit which provides access  
mechanisms for different memory structures, wherein the unit provides the  
application with appropriate data by accessing the access unit.
- 10 2. A unit for managing data stored in a first data processing device as  
claimed in claim 1, wherein the application is produced on an object-oriented basis,  
and the data are provided in the form of required objects.
3. A unit for managing data stored in a first data processing device as  
15 claimed in claim 1, further comprising:  
a third interface to a consistency module for automatically updating  
changed data in further applications accessing the same data.
4. A unit for managing data stored in a first data processing device as  
20 claimed in claim 1, wherein the application runs on the first data processing device  
in which the data are stored.
5. A unit for managing data stored in a first data processing device as  
claimed in claim 1, further comprising:  
25 a second data processing device, wherein the application runs on the  
second data processing device and the data are stored in the first data processing  
device, the first and second data processing devices being connected to one another  
via a network.

6. A unit for managing data stored in a first data processing device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the unit is arranged in the first data processing device.

7. A unit for managing data stored in a first data processing device as  
5 claimed in claim 5; wherein the first interface is used for connection to a network interface unit.

8. A unit for managing data stored in a first data processing device as  
10 claimed in claim 1, wherein for a plurality of applications, each application has a respectively associated application-specific unit.

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